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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 15280W-002100US

Client Ref. No.: E-286-1998/1-US-06

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Brenneman et al.

Application No.: 10/049,587

Filed: February 12, 2002

For: ORALLY ACTIVE PEPTIDES
THAT PREVENT CELL DAMAGE AND
DEATH

Customer No.: 45115

Confirmation No. 9701

Examiner: Steven H. Standley

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1649

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for extension of time for 1 month, from August 5, 2005 to September 5, 2005, is included herein. As September 5, is a Federal Holiday (Labor Day), the actual due date is Tuesday, September 6, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.